Welfare Officer is not an appointment under the Government of India and is only a functional arrangement to provide a link between the Central Government employees residing in various colonies and the concerned civic and other agencies providing service to them. Applications are invited from Gazetted Officers working in various Ministries/Departments for appointment as Area Welfare Officer for a period of two years. Officers desirous of being appointed as Area Welfare Officer on honorary and voluntary basis are required to apply through their respective Ministries/Departments. Based on applications received and after considering their suitability, 87 Area Welfare Officers were appointed for the calendar years 1990 & 2000.

(b) Some applications were rejected as the applicants had already completed requisite number of years as Area Welfare Officer. In one case, an application was rejected on the ground of certain irregularities committed by an applicant earlier when he was office-bearer of the Resident Welfare Association.

(c) and (d) One appeal preferred against non-appointment as Area Welfare Officer was considered and rejected by the competent authority.

Election of Residents Welfare Associations

2395. SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some complaints regarding partisan role of Area Welfare Officers in the election of various Residents Welfare Associations in Delhi have been received.

(b) whether elections of some Residents Welfare Associations have not been accepted by the welfare division based on some complaints without following the principles of natural justice;

(c) whether any appeals have been received in this regard; and

(d) if so, what action is being taken/has been taken on such appeals for rejection/acceptance of the elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND' PENSIONERS WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Two complaints were received in this regard. These were examined in the department and rejected. The appeals preferred in both the cases against the above decision were also rejected by the competent authority.

In no case, elections in respect of Residents Welfare Associations for the block year 1999-2001 were rejected on the basis of complaints.

Extension to Members/Vice Chairman/Chairman of Cat

2396. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the parameters for grant of extension/re-appointment to the Members, Vice-Chairman/Chairman of Central Administrative Tribunals;

(b) how many Members/Vice-Chairman, etc. have been granted extension/re-appointment during 1998 and 1999 alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any members, while on leave for more than a year, have also been granted extension during the said period; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and under what rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING, DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS' WELFARE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER